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SUBJ: EMBASSY PHYSICAL SECURITY (INSPECTION RECOMMENDATIONS  
NO 101 AND 102)

REF: STATE 43069

A. RECOMMENDATION 101

1. DURING THE PERIOD SINCE THE INSPECTION OF AUGUST 1974  
THE EMBASSY HAS MADE STEADY PROGRESS IN IMPROVING ITS  
PHYSICAL SECURITY. THE FOLLOWING STEPS HAVE ALREADY  
BEEN TAKEN:

A. A MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT COMMENCED PROTEC-  
TION OF THE CHANCERY IN SEPTEMBER 1974.

B. A RESIDENT REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER ARRIVED AT  
POST ON FEBRUARY 11, 1975.

C. ACCESS TO AREAS ABOVE THE GROUND FLOOR IS NOW  
CONTROLLED BY A STEEL GATE ELECTRICALLY OPERATED BY THE  
MARINE GUARD.

D. IRON GRILLS ARE BEING INSTALLED ON ALL EX-  
TERIOR WINDOWS AND DOORS WHICH DO NOT ALREADY HAVE  
THEM.

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E. EXTERNAL LIGHTING OF THE CHANCERY GROUNDS

IS CURRENTLY BEING IMPROVED.

F. FUNDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR PROVIDING SHATTER  
PROOF MATERIAL TO ALL WINDOW GLASS.

G. A LOCAL GUARD FORCE NOW PATROLS THE GROUNDS  
OF THE CHANCERY ON A 24 HOUR BASIS.

H. BURGLAR SIRREN ALARMS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ON  
GOVERNMENT OWNED VEHICLES AND PERSONALLY OWNED VEHI-  
CLES.

I. THE INVENTORY OF "SECURITY PACKAGE" EQUIPMENT  
HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT  
WILL BE ORDERED AS REQUIRED.

J. FINALLY THE RECENTLY ARRIVED RSO HAS BEEN  
CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TIGHTENING UP  
PHYSICAL SECURITY WHEREVER NECESSARY.

B. RECOMMENDATION 102

1. THE EMBASSY WILL SHORTLY SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR  
FUNDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TWO TENNIS COURTS ON  
THE "GARDEN SITE" GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY IN DAMAS-  
CUS WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED RECREATIONAL  
FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES.  
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